IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Reich, et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is a response to an Office Action dated February 26, 2008 in the aboveidentified application. The Office Action set forth a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. Accordingly, this response and amendment is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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